



# HEART OF TEESDALE

Landscape Partnership

# NEWSLETTER September 2013

## Staff Changes

Sarah Smith, Community Officer is due to go on maternity leave in early October. Recruitment is currently underway but please use the following contact details meanwhile.

Sue Berresford, Principal Project Manager 03000 262 387  
Honia Devlin, Volunteering Officer 03000 260 830  
Karen Collins, Volunteering Officer 03000 260 835  
Emma Ashton-Wickett, Paths Officer 03000 260645  
Please note that some of the team only work part time and may not be able to respond immediately.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### HEART OF TEESDALE ANNUAL FORUM

Wednesday 27 November 2013 7pm

The Witham, Barnard Castle

Come along to find out what the Partnership has been up to over the last year, meet partners and projects and find out how you can get involved!

## PROJECT UPDATE: Field Boundary Programme – Durham Hedgelaying Competition

Saturday 5 October 2013, Barningham, 9.30am - 15.30pm

Everyone welcome - take part or come and watch, and enjoy the day. Competitors of all ages and abilities welcome. Competitors in the novice category can compete as pairs.

Other attractions include:

- Demonstrations from the British Wood Carvers Association and display of carvings
- Advice on hedge planting and restoration
- Wildlife ramble led by Bird & Farm Landscape Project Officer

Further information & competition entry forms:

Landscape & Arboriculture Section, Durham County Council  
Tel: 03000 267143 Email: [landscape@durham.gov.uk](mailto:landscape@durham.gov.uk)

## Two Day Hedgelaying Training Course – FREE

Friday 4 and Saturday 5 Oct, 9am – 4pm

This course will teach the basics of Hedgelaying including clearing, trimming, cutting and laying, pleachers and staking. A returnable deposit will be required to secure your place. To book please contact Rebecca Beeston [rebecca.beeston@durham.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.beeston@durham.gov.uk) 03000267143

## Willow Weaving - FREE

Barningham Village Hall, 10am – 3pm

Basket weaving course run by a willow weaving artist Ruth Thomson. Places are limited so please book now. A returnable deposit will be required to secure your place. To book please contact Honia Devlin [honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk](mailto:honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk) 03000 260830



## PROJECT UPDATE: Amen Corner

Work on Amen Corner is due to be completed in the next few weeks. Final works to the Rose Garden are beginning which will include a new bench, walling and planting including white roses. Both of the Blue Plaques on site (Richard III and Humphrey's Clock) will be reinstated in similar positions to where they were previously.

A service of celebration is being held at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd September to mark the completion of works inside the church and the landscaping of Amen Corner. The Rt. Revd Mark Bryant, Bishop of Jarrow will preach and lead prayers of thanksgiving. The service will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome!



## PROJECT UPDATE: Tees Tales

During the summer break Kando Arts have been running workshops for young people at the Hub in Barnard Castle. The creative sessions have involved drama work, puppet and mask making, shadow theatre and compiling poetry.

The Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership is supported by Durham County Council/Barnard Castle Vision/The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund

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**PROJECT UPDATE: Stone Academy – STONE FESTIVAL 2013  
Saturday 21 September – Sunday 29 September**

The Stone Festival is back for its second year, celebrating the past, present and future of stonework in the North Pennines. The VAR Initiative are setting up the Stone Academy to create an education infrastructure that develops stone skills and an understanding of how stone can be applied in traditional and innovative ways.

The festival this year includes a programme of walks, talks and courses. It also celebrates the Stone Academy Foundation Courses which will be launched at the end of this year. For more information for this year's events please visit [www.stonefestival.wordpress.com](http://www.stonefestival.wordpress.com) or [www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk](http://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk) Email: [thevarinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:thevarinitiative@gmail.com)

**PROJECT UPDATE: Flatts Wood**

The project has successfully secured additional funding from Natural England's 'Paths for Communities' project. Work is due to begin in the next few weeks and will include minor path improvements, a condition survey of all the bridges along Percy Beck, the replacement of one bridge and some signage and interpretation too!

**PROJECT UPDATE: Community Archaeology  
Roman Forts and Civilian Communities**

This project led by the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham is starting at Greta Bridge with a Geophysics Survey of the roman site. The project is planning to engage volunteers so watch this space!

**Event: HERITAGE OPEN DAYS  
Landscape and Heritage Eggleston Guided Walk  
Sunday 15 September, 1.30pm-3pm  
Eggleston Village Hall, Eggleston, DL12 0AE**

A family walk around the beautiful village of Eggleston led by our volunteer Sue Laycock. Come to discover the fascinating heritage and picturesque landscape of the area.

The village is often seen as marking the boundary between the gentle lower reaches of Teesdale and the wilder upland areas of the upper dale. Eggleston has been designated a Conservation Area in order to protect its character.

Please meet at The Village Hall. Children of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The route is not suitable for pushchairs and wheelchair users. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for weather conditions. You may want to bring a snack and water.

**National Dragonfly Atlas Project**

The British Dragonfly Society is in the final year of its National Dragonfly Atlas Project and they need as many records as they can get. The Atlas and the records contained within it will enable them to provide evidence of the impact that climate change and other environmental factors are having on our dragonfly fauna.

If you see a dragonfly in or around Barnard Castle, please send the details to either the email or postal address below.

However, if you would prefer to enter the record directly, please feel free to use the simple record form on the British Dragonfly Society website at <http://british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/submit-records>

Historical records or sightings from other areas would also be welcomed.

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**We now have an additional newsletter aimed at volunteers! Please ask for details or to be added to the volunteer mailing list. It is also available to download from our website.**



**PROJECT UPDATE:  
VIVA – Village Interests,  
Village Attractions**

This project led by Groundwork North East will encourage communities to celebrate the unique identity and attractions of the particular village and parish in which they live. All the parishes share certain characteristics that come with rural Teesdale life but each of them also have a host of memories, traditions and stories, distinctive historic features and buildings, landscape qualities and wildlife.

The project will involve members of communities in talks and discussions followed by 'hands on' art workshops in Community Halls to produce a piece of public artwork, such as a mural or sculpture, which in turn will become a permanent feature and attraction in the village.

The project is currently working with four communities including Barningham, Romalldkirk and Eggleston. The project with Boldron has just been completed and the village now has a stone carved bench (please see picture above).



**PROJECT UPDATE:  
Geology in the Park**

This project led by Play@Cotherstone has been supported by our Community Initiatives Fund.

Work has begun in Cotherstone Play Park to create a stone pyramid for play and learning about the local geology and how the stone is used. The project has involved the local primary school.